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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

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Sir:

This is in response to the official action dated August 1, 2003, in which certain claims in the application were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102. The applicants respectfully traverse in view of the following amendment and remarks.